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A USER INTERFACE FOR A FINANCIAL MODELING SYSTEM

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the Specification:

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## FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to computerized information systems and more particularly to web-enabled computer implemented financial modeling systems.

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Traditionally, many individuals have entrusted their financial plans to personal financial advisors. But today, more and more individuals are taking their financial destiny into their own hands and playing a more active role in planning and achieving their financial goals.

Increasingly, these individuals rely on computer-based systems that organize their financial assets and liabilities and further provide them with a summary of their financial health.